

pressed during the conference, that the meetings in such a place as Hamilton, with a strong Presbyterian element, should have been so thinly attended.

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PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting at Durham on Jan. 14th, Mr. Blain, Moderator. A letter was read from the Presbytery of Brockville, giving notice that they intend to make application to next General Assembly for leave to receive, as a Probationer of the C. P. Church, Mr. James Douglas, formerly a minister of the Congregational Church; also to receive Mr. Boyd, a licentiate of the American Presbyterian Church; also a letter from the Presbytery of Toronto, giving notice of their intention to apply to next General Assembly for leave to receive, as a minister of our Church, Mr. George Clarke, recently a minister of the U. P. Church in the United States; also, a letter from the Presbytery of Manitoba giving notice of their intention to apply to next General Assembly for leave to receive, as a minister of our Church, Mr. Neil McDougall, a minister without charge of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. It was moved by Mr. Cameron, that the letter from the Presbytery of Manitoba lie on the table till next ordinary meeting; this was agreed to.

There was read a letter from Mr. Cochrane, Convener of the H. M. Committee, calling attention to the fact that in this Presbytery certain arrears of stipend have not been liquidated, and reminding the Presbytery that, in accordance with the rules of said Committee, the arrears must be paid, or supplements will cease. In answer thereto, the clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Cochrane that the Presbytery fully expect that all arrears due by supplemented congregations will be liquidated before next meeting of said Committee.

There was read a letter from Mr. Lowry, Convener of the Synod of Hamilton's Committee on the state of religion, requesting the Presbytery to furnish him, on or before the 1st of April next, with a report on the state of religion within their bounds. After deliberation, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to draw up a series of questions relating to the state of religion, and transmit them to Kirk-Sessions with instructions that answers thereto be forwarded to the Clerk before next meeting of Presbytery, which it was understood should be held in time sufficient to enable Mr. Lowry's request to be complied with, the Committee to consist of Messrs. MacMillan, Greig, Crozier, ministers, and Mr. Paterson, elder; Mr. MacMillan, Convener.

The subject of the appointment of missionary meetings to be held in the several congregations having been taken up, a committee consisting of Messrs. Duff, Cameron and Greig, ministers, and Mr. Murdoch, elder, Mr. Duff, Convener, was appointed to consider the subject, and make suggestions. At a future sederunt said committee gave in a brief report, which was received, and the committee was re-appointed with instructions to consider the subject more fully, and draw up a scheme for the holding of such meetings, and to report at next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery entered into conference on the subject of "The great need of the work of the Lord being revived throughout all our congregations," which was introduced by Mr. Greig, and were so engaged for a considerable time. It was agreed that the subject of conference at next meeting be "Our duty to the children of the Church," to be introduced by Mr. Duff.

Mr. MacMillan gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the Presbytery recommend to next General Assembly the Rev. Wm. McLaren, Ottawa, as a fit and proper person to be appointed to the chair of Systematic Theology in Knox College, now informally vacant by the departure of Dr. Inglis.

Mr. Crozier gave in a Home Mission Report, which was received and considered *seriatim*.

Attention having been called to the fact of certain arrears of stipend being still due by two of the stations of Osprey to Mr. Knowles, formerly minister there, Mr. Cameron, moderator of the Osprey Kirk Sessions, was instructed to take an early opportunity of bringing the subject before that Court.